

CRAA coming its way to the top

TACLOBAN CITY – CRAA is on its way to the top as partial tally of the over-all results are on its way on the last day of the Palaro here.

Banking on its 66 medals composed of 24 gold, 22 silver and 20 bronze earned as of yesterday, the delegation is optimistic to uphold expectation of not only “the best in Mindanao” but also to be looked up to by other regions as a center for excellence in sports.

Partial result in the elementary division reveals that Region XII landed on the 4th place with an initial 108 points score; National Capital Region maintained its no. 1 spot with



ARD Allan Farnazo (C) poses the Gold Medalist (L) Arnulfo Sab 400m Hurdles B and (R) Jether Molina 800m run. Next photo RD Luz Almeida congratulates other medalist in their respective events.



283.6 points while Western Visayas and CALABARZON comes second and third with 194 and 129 points, respectively.

These unofficial results

came about as total points score from Gymnastics MAG, WAG, RG; Sipa, Table Tennis Boys and Girls and Tae Kwon do Boys and Girls were tallied early yesterday.

Results from the Secondary Division level reveals that the delegation is on the 6th spot with 92.5 points; with NCR still leading with 278 points; STCAA comes 2nd with 240 and Western Visayas with 228 points.

These points came from 28 events out of the total 29 events from the secondary level. Football secondary-finals boys will still be played today.

General Championship points has to be finalized today as the closing ceremony will be held this afternoon at the Leyte Sports Development Center to signal the end of the weeklong Palaro. (HST/CSJr)

Daceras rule CRAA swimming team

Omar Philip led teammates to break another record

TACLOBAN CITY - Cousins Omar Philip Dacera and Lawin Dacera, all native of the Tuna Capital of the Philippines Gen. Santos City, posted a dynamic duo in the CRAA swimming team by contributing 4 medals in the culmination of the swimming competition held at the Leyte Sports Development Center. this city.



Omar Philip Dacera

Lawin Dacera

Omar Philip won the gold medal in the 200-meter Individual Medley (Elementary – Boys) with a time clocking of 2 minutes 29.42 seconds, while Lawin contributed a silver medal in the 200-meter Free Style with a time clocking of 2 minutes 4.04 seconds and minutes seconds in the Secondary – Boys Division.

It was another record-breaking day for Omar and his teammates Raphael Facturan, Fritz Delle Anos and Vincent Ian Cruz when they broke the record in the 400-meter Free Style Medley with a time clocking of 4 minutes 17.65 seconds, extinguishing the old Palaro record of 4 minutes 18.08 seconds set by the NCR tankers during last year’s Palaro at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

Likewise, Tiara Beboney Tudio (Secondary – Girls) added a second gold medal in her treasure chest in the 100-meter Breast Stroke, her favorite event, with a time clocking of 1 minute 20.04 seconds, together with Raphael Facturan (Elementary – Boys) who also won a bronze medal in the 50-meter Free Style with a time clocking of 28.42 seconds.

The 400-meter Free Style Medley (Secondary-Boys) composed of teammates Lawin Dacera, Ron

Salvador Facturan, Ralph Ian Aloot and Michael David Diaz and the 400-meter Free Style Medley (Secondary–Girls) composed of teammates Regiena Astrid Quesada, Mary Grace Garay, Maria Kiesha Mercado and Irish Katherine Cruz managed to salvage 8 bronze medals for the said event with a time clocking 3 minues 54.07 seconds and 4 minutes 32.47 seconds, respectively.

Omar Philip and Lawin also contributed in Day 3 of the swimming competition events, winning gold medals in the 400-meter Free Style (Elementary – Boys) and 800-meter Free Style (Secondary–Boys), respectively of two, Palaro’s new swimming events.

Omar’s feat earned him a time clocking of 4 minutes 35.42 seconds, while Lawin has a time clocking of 9 minutes 2.58 seconds. Their time clockings were considered as the new record of the Palaro in the said events.

Omar’s teammates Fritz Delle Anos, Vincent Ian Cruz, and Raphael Facturan also contributed 4 bronze medals in the 200-meter Free Style Medley (Elementary- Boys) as the Palaro swimming competition ended in the third day.

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SoCot athletes shine in Palaro 2009

ATHLETES from Koronadal City and South Cotabato earned raves from CRAA officials, their respective coaches, fellow teammates, and even from the coaches of the 17 different regions and “sports” scouts from NCR as, they became the “golden boys and girls” in the CRAA Division in the 2009 Palarong Pambansa, now nearing its culmination day.

Leading the athletes were swimmer Tiara Beboney Tudio – dubbed the “mermaid” of Koronadal City, with 2 golds, 800-meter runner Jether Molina (Elementary – Boys) of South Cotabato with 1 gold and

Long Jumper Reynalyn Pabello (Secondary – Girls) of Koronadal City with 1 gold.

The three athletes contributed the first gold medals for the CRAA delegation in the first few days of the Palaro.

Taekwondo jins Joeh Aldee Paterno of Koronadal City, contributed 1 silver in the Kyorugi – Category B and 1 bronze medal in the Poonsae events, while fellow Marbeleno teammate Julien Jose Hilajos contributed another bronze in the Poonsae event.

Swimmers (Secondary – Girls) Jeamima Kate Lao of

Koronadal City and Irish Katherine Cruz of South Cotabato and Mosquito Weight Boxer Julius Fer Caguin of South Cotabato likewise contributed 3 more bronze medals in their respective event. (FCSJr)



Taekwondo jin Joeh Aldee Paterno kicks off his opponent in their elimination match.

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